(b) whehter it is also a fact that the Coolies at Delhi are controlled by an Inspector in the Grade of Rs. 1400-2300 and and at New Delhi by a Supervisor in the Grade of Rs. 825-1200;

(c) whether it is a fact that at New Delhi there are more important and longer trains than at Delhi; and

(d) what steps Railways propose to adopt for better and effective supervision of Coolies at New Delhi by appointing an Inspector of equal grade; if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Both stations deal with long distance important trains.

(d) While an Inspector has been posted at Delhi, at New Delhi station one supervisor is working directly under the Station Manager (Commercial) to ensure efficient working of the station from Commercial point of view, including the working of licensed porters. Thus the supervision at New Delhi Station is at a higher level than at Delhi station.

Contract with Malaysia for leasing meter-gauge engines

4826. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railway Construction Company Limited has signed a contract with Malaysia for leasing three metre-gauge engines;

(b) whehter the lease or outright sale of metre-gauge engines to other countries is being considered as a viable option to redundancy following conversion to a uniform gauge in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Railway Construction Company Ltd. has signed a contract with Malaysia on 23-7-93 for leasing of three metre gauge engines for a period of two years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No firm orders for outright sale of Metre Gauge engines to other countries have been received so far. However, exploratory enquiries from M/s IRCON for export of old/new MG locomotives to Bangladesh and Malaysia, and also from M/s. Global Resources, inc. USA have been received.

Introduction of a Palace on wheels

4827. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a suspense over the introduction of broad gauge 'Palace on Wheels';

(b) if so, whether this has affected domestic as well as foreign tourist trade; and

(b) by when the broad gauge 'Palace on Wheels' is likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Broad gauge Palace-on-Wheels will be introduced in Rajasthan Sector after its present route is converted into broad-gauge in 1995.

रेलवे के खानपान विभाग में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों के स्थानांतरण

4828. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : श्री दिग्विजय सिंह :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने रेलवे के खान-पान विभाग में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों के स्थानान्तरण के सम्बन्ध में कोई समय सीमा